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FACTORY RECORDS, FORT ST. DAVID, 1741.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1741.

The Deputy Governour produces to the Board a translate of a letter he received yesterday from Ragoajee Bonsla, one of the Generals of the Morattas, wherein he complains of not having heard from the Deputy Gevernour since he has been in the country though he had wrote to him two letters before, (which were never received here) and of having likewise no vakeel sent him and desiring one. He acknowledges the English for a just and upright people, and refers us to one Oppajee Vittal for the rest which he says we must get ready and send.

The above letter being taken into consideration, and found not to be expressed very clearly, agreed to send the President and Council the original and translate, and to desire their directions in the answering it.

EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

DIARY, FORT ST. DAVID, JANUARY 18, 1741.

This morning a party of Morattas, between 3 and 4,000 having entered the bounds pell-mell to the southward of Cuddalore, and notwithstanding several shot from that Fort and many of the out-points, plundered Manjacopang and the Washing Town, and wounded many of our inhabitants. Agreed that the President and Council be advised instantly of this act of hostility commenced by the Morattas, and that as particular an account as possible be given of all that passed in the action.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1741.

General from the President and Council of the 17th instant read, wherein they dictate to us the answer they would have made to Ragoajee Bonsla's letter to the Deputy Governour and give us their reasons why they would not have any vakeel sent to the Moratta camp; acquainting us likewise that they also have received a letter from Raghojee Bonsla and another from Futta Sing both making demands of money, which they have not thought fit to comply with. They imagine these letters proceed from the intrigues of Oppajee Vittal.

Order'd that a letter be drawn out to Ragoajee Bonsla agreeable to the President and Council's directions.

Finding by all the enquiry we can make that there has not been that slaughter made that might reasonably be expected from the number of cannon discharged at the Morattas on the 18th which may be very well attributed to the sad inexperience of our gunners, agreed therefore to write for some others that are more skillfull, and upon whose services we may more safely depend. Also for a further supply of 100 barrels of Europe powder, some good flints and a supply of rice.

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Order'd that the Steward provide all the salt fish and pork that can be got, it being thought proper to lay in a store of provisions, as it is a thing uncertain whether the Morattas may not lay siege to us.

The Paymaster produces notes to the value of 100 Pagodas for trees cut down about Tevenepatam for the security of that place, which being examined is ordered to be paid.

Several coconut and other trees standing in the way of the Washing Tank and Chemundulum, which prevents a sight of either of those places, ordered that as many of them be cut down as shall be found necessary to get a clear vision thereof.

EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—
CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1741.

General letter from the President and Council of the 27th instant read, approving our reasons for detaining the *Prince William* here, which they have ordered to remain here till their further orders. They cannot send us any gunners or powder, their own stock being very low at present, but will endeavour by and by to supply us with the last; expressing their concern at the same time in regard to our expending so much ammunition with so little execution. They likewise tell us they have sent and intend us a further supply of grain.

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EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—
CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1741.

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The town of Tevenepatam being entirely open and defenceless, and it being thought necessary to render it defensible against the attempts of any plundering parties of the Morattas, agreed that a little mud breast-work planted with stakes be raised on the north and west sides, and two mud batteries at the north end, and another cased with brick at the west side at Tevenepatam Gate to flank and defend those works. For the same reason it is agreed to raise the like works on the east side of Cuddalore, which, when finished we hope will render that place secure against all attempts.

EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—
CHARLES FLOYER.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTERS ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1740

Arise on the following articles, vizt:—

	Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison—						
Topasses occasionally entered in the first Company ...	5	35	0			
Do. in the 2d. Do.	18	0	0			
Gunroom crew...	74	19	0	98	18	0
Peons and servants' wages—						
Peons occasionally entered this month				74	24	30
Charges extra, as per monthly account				82	0	20
Fortifications and repairs, as per monthly account				516	6	51
Fort fausse-bray and ditch walls				17	28	13
Fortifications in Cuddalore				172	20	57
			Pags.	961	26	11

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1741.

General letter from the President and Council of the 16th read, wherein they answer particularly ours of the 12th concerning the weakness of Cuddalore, and after having fully weighed all that we said conclude that they doubt not we shall be able to maintain it against a surprize, which is cheifly to be apprehended when the out-guards come to be withdrawn, and that they leave us a discretionary power to do as we shall think proper for the safety of the place. They add, they cannot send us any recruits, the *Cœsar* having brought none out, and they do not observe by the lists of our packets that we have taken any obligation from Captain Langworth that the surplus tonnage should be at half-freight only.

EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—
CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 [27 ?], 1741.

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The Deputy Governour then acquainted the Board that he received a letter from Ragoajee Bonsla three days ago which is now read, the subject whereof is to desire us to send a vakeel to him as a testimony of our friendship. Our Braminy by whom we sent a former letter and the bearer of this received from Ragoajee Bonsla, assures us that a small present accompanying the vakeel will make matters easy on both sides. As we can see no inconvenience in sending a vakeel which can never forward a demand but rather prevent any being made upon us, and as the expence will be trifling, agreed to express these our sentiments to the President and Council, and to desire them to let us know what resolutions they shall take upon this occasion. Likewise if they agree upon sending a present from hence, that they will send us what is necessary for that purpose.

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EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—
CHARLES FLOYER.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1740–1.

Arise on the following articles vizt:—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—		
Three persons more entertained in the first company	4 25 0	
Three persons more entertained in the 2nd company	4 19 0	
Thirty six lascars and 6 Macquas more in the gunroom, and compleat pay to others served but a part of the month before ...	98 25 0	
		107 33 0
Hospital charges—		
The doctor's bill increased	...	9 31 72
Peons and servants wages—		
147 peons more entertained and compleat pay to others who served but a part of the month before	...	210 17 6
Charges general—		
Making the Europe packet boxes	0 31 40	
Chests for the musters of indigo	0 30 7	
Silk for country letters	2 0 0	
Cooley for the packets to Madrass	1 0 0	
Chellinga hire—landing money and sailors fs. 31-40, batta &ca. Ps. 1-21-6	2 16 46	
		7 6 13

	P.	f.	c.
Charges extra, particulars as per months account	413	0	8
Fortifications and repairs, as per month's account	453	6	47
Fort fausse-bray and ditch walls	402	1	0
Fortifications in Cuddalore	55	31	69
Pags.	1,659	19	55

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1741.

General letter from the Hon'ble President and Council of the 6th read, in answer to our's of the 28th ultimo, approving our resolution to withdraw the out-guards upon the first notice of the surrender of Tritchanopoly; as likewise the overture we made them to send a vakeel with a present to the Morattas, in consequence of the letter the Deputy Governour received from Ragoajee Bonsla; adding also some instructions proper to be given the vakeel.

The said letter being taken into consideration, and it being observed that the Honourable President and Council have only sent a present for Ragoajee Bonsla, and none for Phutta Sing, which we think one if not both may imagine themselves slighted by, agreed to suspend the sending this present till we hear further from our superiours, and that, for this reason, we write instantly to them, desiring they will send a second present for Phutta Sing, the Commander-in-Cheif, a neglect of whom we cannot but be of opinion will be a clog to the negotiation.

CHARLES FLOYER—EDWARD CROKE—ROBERT ALLEN.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1741.

General letter from the Hon'ble President and Council of the 13th in answer to our's of the 11th advising us that they have agreeably to our request, sent by a mussoola two boxes containing several other articles for presents which we may divide as we think proper, inclosing also a translate of the President's letter to Phutta Sing for our perusal.

EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1741.

Edward Croke, Warehousekeeper, requesting an advance of 3,800 pagodas for the purchase of paddy, and for paying for several things bought for presents to the Moratta Generals; agreed that that sum be paid him.

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EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1741.

The present agreed upon to be sent to the Moratta Generals being made up and sorted, and the instructions to the vakeel drawn out, which are now read and approved, agreed to dispatch the vakeel with the present this evening.

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EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1740–41.

Arise on the following articles :—

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—						
Topasses occasionally entertained in the first company	33	7	0			
Do. in the 2d company	5	35	0			
Do. and cooleys in the gunroom crew.	26	22	0			
				65	28	0
Hospital charges—						
Doctor's bill for medicines bought	5	26	0			
Cloths for the sick men	66	8	0			
				71	34	0
Peons and servants wages—						
Peons occasionally entered this month ...	...			214	21	66
Charges extra, as per the months account. ...	...			398	23	28
Fortifications and repairs, do. ...	...			574	0	14
Fort fausse-bray and ditch walls, do. ...	...			149	0	23
Fortifiactions in Cuddalore	...			90	12	36
Pags.				1,564	12	7

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Arise on the following articles vizt :—

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—						
Topasses occasionally entertained in the 1st company	12	2	0			
Topasses occasionally entertained in the 2d company	10	19	0			
Gunroom crew	5	34	0			
				28	19	0
Peons and servants wages—						
Peons occasionally entered this month ...	...			118	31	20
Charges general—						
Making 10 boxes for the present to the Moratta Generals	15	31	3			
Repairing two Kittysals	4	23	50			
Making irons for prisoners	0	26	46			
Sealing wax	2	18	0			
Making iron buckets &ca. for the garden ...	2	11	43			
Catamarans	3	10	0			
				29	12	62
Charges extra, as per the month's account ...	...			360	2	53
Fortifications and repairs, do. ...	...			1,083	26	63
New powder magazine	...			16	30	8
Fort fausse-bray and ditch walls	...			28	12	55
Fortifications in Cuddalore	...			186	25	17
Pags.				1,852	16	38

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1741.

Arise on the following articles, vizt :—

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—						
One topass occasionally entered in the 1st company	1	26	0			
One topass occasionally entered in the 2d company	0	29	0			
				2	19	0

	P.	f.	c.
Peons and servants wages—			
Peons occasionally enter'd	36	19	70
Charges extra, as per month's account	1,247	30	12
Fortifications and repairs, as per month's account... ...	576	19	7
New powder magazine	161	32	25
Fort fausse-bray and ditch walls	47	35	15
Fortifications in Cuddalore	99	5	62
Account Current, Fort St. George—Charges on the present to the Moratta Generals	445	3	36
Pags.	2,617	20	67

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1741.

General letter from the President and Council of the 12th instant read in answer to ours of the 2d instant. The greatest part relates to the request we made them to have the liberty of coining silver fanams, the want of them here, and the badness of the current pagodas, giving us a full account of the methods they have taken in this last affair, that we may see how far the same may do here to prevent so growing an abuse. They tell us also how the present to the Moratta Generals shall be brought to account, and give us orders not to permit Vencatachilum to enter our bounds, if all that we have said of him be true. They direct us not to forget to levy the fine of 500 Pags. laid on Irzapa Chitty. They acquaint us of their latest advices concerning the Morattas and inclose an Ensign's commission for Serjeant William De Morgan.

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EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1741.

Letter from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 14th read, advising of 10,000 pagodas sent us, consisting of 4,000 of the old money, 3,000 of the new, and 3,000 in fanams, all which turn out right.

Having now rec'd a supply of the new money, it is agreed that the Secretary publish the following order at the back gate vizt:—

It is hereby ordered by the Deputy Governor and Council that after the 31st of this instant May, no other money but the new Madrass Star pagodas or Madrass fanams will be received into the Company's cash in payment of the customs, revenues or on any other account whatsoever, and the Company's disbursements to their military, peons, and other persons in their pay will be paid also in the same money. It is further ordered that after the time abovementioned the Star pagodas alone shall be esteemed the current pagodas of this place, but all merchants and others have full liberty to bring in any of the country pagodas, and to trade and traffick with the same upon such terms as they can agree.

As the gradual abasement of the current coin, and the introduction of the new Star pagoda here will likely occasion some confusion in the discharge of old bonds, as every one at present avoids accepting the late current pagoda, it is thought necessary to come to the following resolutions which the Secretary is ordered to affix at the Back Gate: that all money lent between the 1st January 1740-41 and the last day of this instant may be esteemed at the rate of 7 touch; that all money lent between the 1st January 1739-40 and the last of December 1740 be esteemed at the rate of 7½ touch; that all money lent between the 1st January 1738-39 and the last of December 1739 be esteemed at the rate of 7¾ touch; that all money lent before the 1st Jany 1738-9 shall be esteemed at the rate of 8 touch

The above orders are understood of all debts outstanding, arising on any account whatsoever, and contracted between the respective dates abovementioned.

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EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1741.

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General letter from the Hon'ble President and Council of the 19th instant read, acquainting us that twenty of our Wendawash pagodas being assayed were found to be 71½ touch, and ordering us to discharge the most of our peons, but not lessen the number of our military and gunroom crew. They permit us to pay 990 pagodas to the military and others in the Company's service for house and trees cut down belonging to them, and make no objection to our allowing our other inhabitants a reasonable satisfaction upon the same account. They also allow us to reward the two Braminies, Vencata Narnapa and Japerauze, who went to the Moratta camp, with a present of 50 pagodas each, and approve our keeping the arrack farm in the Company's hands.

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EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Arise on the following articles.		
Charges garrison—Topasses occasionally entered ...		11 5 0
Charges extra—		
Paid the Steward's three notes for provisions &ca. laid in	36 11 53	
Batta to thirty nine Madrass lascars for 10 days ...	11 11 40	
Do. to 2 peons and Macquas bringing money in a boat from Madrass	0 15 54	
Do. to 2 peons going to meet money from Madrass twice	1 16 0	
Do. . . . bringing it in	6 14 0	
Do. to 4 peons carrying a letter to Satarow, the Morattas' King	16 0 0	
Do. to 35 peons attending the motions of the Morattas	11 4 0	
Do. to a vakeel and peons from the Moratta Generals	2 18 0	
Do. to three wounded people	2 8 40	
Prisoners' batty	4 5 30	
Paid for killing mad dogs	0 33 0	
Austapa Chitty's pension Pags. 2 18 0, Maulim Pags. 3	5 18 0	
		98 11 57
Fortifications and repairs—		
Fort house, rattaning chairs &ca.	0 10 64	
Paymaster's lodging, rattaning windows	0 11 48	
Paving round the cook room well	0 22 32	
Filling water in the tanks on the curtain	0 11 40	
Fitting handles to mamoodys	0 10 40	
Making iron wedges for splitting trees	2 24 12	
New piling the landing place at the Back Gate ...	50 6 37	
Godowns on the same side without	54 5 16	
Tevenepatam Gate, building a new point and enlarging and terrassing the guard room joining to it ...	134 2 38	
Mending a metta for peons	1 2 78	
Tevenepatam washing tank, cleaning the corners of it	2 14 10	
Garden, rattaning windows to the house, mending locks and keys to the lodgings &ca. ...	8 17 46	
Do. Summer house, repairing and making a veranda there	58 33 67	
Setting a palisade of coconut trees along the river side in Cuddalore	28 0 51	

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charity school in Cuddalore, repairing a godown and pavement	6	32	40			
Nailing locks for the powder godowns at Golcondah and Metchlepatam Points	0	3	40			
Conicoplys extraordinary—						
1 Counting cooleys on the faussebray work	1	0	0			
1 Counting cash to pay them ...	1	0	0			
1 Assisting in the accounts	1	0	0			
One European overseeing the work ...	2	0	0			
	5	0	0			
				353	30	19
New powder magazine—raising the side walls ...				14	19	78
Fort fausse-bray and ditch walls				416	10	10
Fortifications in Cuddalore—						
Dieu Point, building a guard room upon it ...	37	29	26			
Maulim Point, parapet walls	12	13	35			
				50	6	61
			Pags.	944	11	65

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Arise in the following articles vizt :—

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—topasses occasionally entered in the 2d company	.....			4	33	0
Charges extra—						
Paid three soldiers to relist	15	0	0			
Paid the Steward's note for feeding some live provision left	2	33	40			
Batta to 4 peons going to Vardachilum	1	12	0			
Do. to a vakeel's peons from Trichanopoly ...	5	12	0			
Do. to 2 peons and 4 cooleys carrying a present to the Moratta Governour of Trichanopoly ...	3	16	0			
Given to peons that brought the present from the Nabob of Currapa to the Deputy Governour ...	3	18	0			
Paid for country musick &ca. attending the present.	1	0	0			
Paid to 2 peons and 6 cooleys carrying a present to the Nabob of Currapa as far as Tidavarnum ...	2	0	0			
Batta to Subdar Alley Caun's peons from Arcot ...	0	12	0			
Given to a chief peon from Chellumbrum ...	0	27	0			
Given to Trepopilore feast as usual	5	0	0			
10 prisoners' batty	3	30	60			
Pension to Austapa Chitty ... P. 2 f. 18 c. 0						
Maulim's 3 0 0						
Coopia Madrass vakeel ... [5 0 0]						
	10	18	0			
Paid the gratuity allowed by the Hon'ble President and Council to Eyaparauze and Vencata Narnapa for their service at the Moratta camp	150	0	0			
				205	7	20
Fortifications and repairs—						
Fort mending the pavement near the house ...	9	16	0			
Second's lodging, chunamming the inside of the veranda	0	22	70			
Landing place at the Back Gate	0	14	36			
Godowns on the southside without raising ...	24	22	17			
Tevenepatam Gate, laying plat-forms for the guns over the new point and terrassing the guard room	75	24	38			
Garden-rattaning windows, mending door frames to the cookroom, rails &ca.	7	15	75			
Cuddalore-setting a palisade of coconut trees and palmeira trees along the river side	59	2	29			

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Porto Novo gate guard room—tarring the palmeiras and reapers				1	9	62
Chellumbrum Gate—making a platform of palmeiras for carriages and mending the gate lock &ca. ...				0	26	52
Braminy Gate—making a plat-form of palmeiras for carriages				0	18	40
Conicoplys extraordinary—3 ...	3	0	0			
One European overseeing the work	2	0	0			
				5	0	0
						175 25 35
Fort faussebray and ditch walls raising				410	3	61
Cutting stones at the hills				11	0	24
						421 4 5
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CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1741.

The Company's brokers attending agreeable to order of last Consultation, and being called in, they were asked how many bales they could certainly provide by the last of December, to which they replied 400 bales, and added that there should nothing be wanting on their parts to increase that number, but that they could not give their word for any more. They were then told, that they must expect our countenance no longer, than while they approved themselves faithfull servants to the Company, by making their investments flourish, to which end we thought it very necessary that they should be a little busier at Salem, where they had not yet provided any cloth this year. They answered that the late troubles had made it and still makes it dangerous to risque any money there, but that however they would use their utmost endeavours to provide some of the Salem cloth, and we promised they should not want any of our assistance to get their money in, in case any troubles in the country should make that necessary, which we believed they had no reason to fear, without receiving timely notice to secure their effects. We also acquainted them with the Company's complaints upon the soot romalls sent home by the *Shaftsbury* and gave them a strict charge to make them of full lengths and breadths and of brighter colours, which they promised they would do, and that they would likewise comply with the Hon'ble Company's indent for three thousand peices of blue cloth to the utmost of their power. Upon a full confidence of all which assurances, ordered that an advance of 6,000 country pagodas be now paid to them for Salem. They then withdrew.

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AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—
ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1741.

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The sloop *Carolina* having lain buried for a long time in the river, and the season for the freshes coming on, ordered, that the gunner and his mate make a survey of her, and report to the Board her condition, and what is necessary to be done to her, against next Consultation.

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AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—
ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1741

Arise on the following articles:—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—		
Topasses occasionally enter'd in the 1st. company ...	14 31 0	
Do. do. 2nd. company ...	5 15 0	
Gunroom crew	15 21 0	
		35 31 0
Charges general—		
Gilt paper and silk strings for country letters ...	3 6 0	
1 buffaloe bought for dung-carts	2 0 0	
P. f. c.		
Mamoodies 4 12 0		
Baskets 5 26 10		
	10 2 10	
		15 8 10
Charges extra—		
Paid for coconut trees &ca. cut down in gardens standing in the way of the great guns which are set up as fences along the river side of Cuddalore agreeable to leave given by the Hon'ble President and Council of the 19th June as by the lists and receipts in Consultation amounting to ...	1,070 0 0	
Paid relisting money to 3 soldiers, 5 Pags. each ...	15 0 0	
Paid the Stewards account for tower to 4 hogs ...	1 30 40	
Making a new paul for burials	11 10 40	
P. f. c.		
Batta to peons going to meet money from Madrass ... 0 17 28		
Do. bringing it in ... 1 32 0		
	2 13 28	
Batta to 3 peons carrying a letter to the Morattas king	12 0 0	
Do. to 6 peons and 1 cooley carrying a present to the King of Tanjore 2 10 0		
Paid for country musick attending the present in 1 0 0		
	3 10 0	
Batty to 2 peons enquiring after soldiers deserted ...	0 20 0	
Do. to prisoners	3 10 20	
		1,130 4 48
Fortifications and repairs—		
Mr. Stacey's lodging, white washing and cleaning it.	0 9 28	
Gunroom mending the pavement &ca.	1 2 34	
Godowns on the southside without, raising walls &ca.	116 5 30	
Mending the pavement near the landing place ...	0 7 40	
Tevenepatam Gate, New Point, making a powder godown and laying a platform for the guns &ca.	25 3 12	
Garden, rattaning windows, mending doors, locks &ca.	16 33 21	
Trepopilore guard, chunamming the parapet walls ...	8 19 27	
Bandipollam guard, raising foot banks ...	13 10 22	
Making a house and platform for drying powder on the Island	9 17 60	
Setting a palisadoe of coconut trees along the river side in Cuddalore	42 16 78	
Porto Novo gate guard room, tarring palmeira's &ca.	0 3 72	
Cleaning the curtains in Cuddalore	1 12 29	
P. f. c.		
3 Conicoplys extraordinary ... 3 0 0		
One European overseeing the work 2 0 0		
	5 0 0	
		239 33 53

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Fort fausse-bray and ditch walls :—		
Raising and making a bridge and draw bridge ...	553 3 16	
Cutting stones at the hills	13 17 48	
		566 20 64
Pagodas ...		1,987 26 15

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1741.

The price of the cloth having risen very considerably lately, insomuch that in April last it cost 39 pagodas per corge; the two next months it rose to 41 pagodas and in July and August to 42½. The Company's brokers were therefore called in, and asked the reason for this hasty increase. They replied they were many, but principally these. The great debasement of the country pagoda, which is fallen from 75 to 62 touch, so that where it formerly exchanged for 17½ gold fanams, it now exchanges for 14½. The dearness of cotton, and lastly the late troubles in the country, which have occasioned terrible rents in the Government, that affect every branch of trade whatever. This was the substance of what the brokers said in their defence, which we told them we could only transmit to our superiours; but that however it was impossible for us to go on providing cloth at this rate, and that therefore they must think of exerting a little more diligence in the employ that was entrusted to them. In answer to which they pressed again the argument of the bad pagodas, which, without mentioning other reasons, they said was a very good one why it was impossible for them to keep the price of the cloth down. The country pagoda, continued they, has no certain standard, and, what is worse, it is always falling, and there is no knowing at what degree of baseness it will fix; so that in short the same peice of cloth which is purchased to day with one pagoda, must be purchased to morrow with two, as the variation of the coin of any country must occasion a variation in every thing else. In order therefore that they might act with more certainty, they desir'd their future advances might be in Star pagodas only, for they were assured none other would soon pass in the investment as was already the case at Salem and no doubt of it would shortly be the case everywhere. The Board told them, there could be no such thing thought of yet a while, while so large a ballance stood out and that therefore they could not recommend their proposal, but upon their warmest assurances to bring in cloth to the amount of their ballances at the rate of 42½, which after a great deal of conversation with them they at length consented to.

The brokers next acquainted the Board that it was absolutely impossible to provide a peice of cloth more at Salem, unless they were advanced Star pagodas for that the 6,000 Allumbrum pagodas we advanced them the other day they must be obliged now to return. But we being desirous that no wheel stand[s] still which may help to increase the investment, it is agreed to let the above money remain in their hands, to be employed at Chemanaikpollam. And it is also further agreed to request a supply of 10,000 Star pagodas to be employed at Salem, the Hon'ble Company having this part of their investment much at heart. The brokers were acquainted with this our resolution and then withdrew.

The Deputy Governour then informed the Board that the Hon'ble Company had often wrote very pressingly to get Andiapa entertained again in their service; and could such a thing be brought about he believed it would be esteemed a very agreeable step in us by our Honourable masters. Whereupon it was unanimously agreed to send for Andiapa, who being called in, and asked whether he was willing to provide cloth for the Company, he seemed at first very averse to the proposal; but knowing his great capacity and industry, we pressed the same thing again to him, and made use of all the arguments we could possibly think of to conquer his shyness, which at length prevailed with him, and he promised to be an inhabitant of Cuddalore. But that with regard to the investment, it being late in the season, he said he could not take above 2,000 Pags. which it is now agreed be advanced

him. If an opportunity offers of employing more he engages his most faithfull services to the Company.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—
ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Arise on the following articles vizt:—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—		
First company	41 31 0	
Second do.	15 0 0	
		56 31 0
Charges extra—		
Batta to peons going to meet money from Madrass	0 17 28	
Do. bringing it in twice	6 4 0	
Paid the Deputy Governour for his travelling charges	104 16 40	
Batta to peons and servants going to meet the Deputy Governour P. f. c.		
at Conimeer 7 21 78		
Do. to Madrass peons 0 21 28		
Three chelingas bringing soldiers from Cuddalore 1 2 0		
Country musick &ca. as usual ... 3 0 0		
	12 9 26	
Batta to 20 peons and two dewty fellows attending Mrs. Hubbard to Madrass	5 16 0	
Do. to 11 peons attending the soldiers from Madrass 0 8 0		
Diet to two serjeants do. 1 12 0		
Batavia arrack to do. 1 gallon 0 10 0		
1 22 0		
Batta to a peon attending the serjeants on their return to Madrass 0 8 0		
	2 2 0	
Batta to peons going to Chellumbrum ...	0 10 0	
Do. to peons sent to enquire after soldiers deserted	2 19 54	
Do. to 4 peons carrying letters to Vendawash and Colava Cotta	1 16 0	
Do. for prisoners	2 21 0	
Pension to Austapah Chitty, Ps. 2-18 Mauleem, Ps. 3, Coopiah, Madrass vakeel Ps. 5	10 18 0	
		148 5 68
Fortifications and repairs—		
Fort house—white-washing the walls and cleaning and pointing the pavement, mending doors, locks &ca.	4 2 66	
Mr. Floyer's lodging—white-washing and cleaning the pavement	0 20 0	
Mr. Fowke's lodging—white-washing the walls cleaning the pavement	1 29 32	
Mr. Allen's lodging—mending doors, windows &ca.	0 17 23	
South curtain godowns within—chunamming the walls	1 30 20	
Mending the pavement and fogangs in the cook-room	0 28 43	

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Godowns on the southside without—raising walls, trimming palmeiras, making doors and window shutters	107 10 1	
Tevenepatam Gate, New Point—chunamming the inside of the parapet walls	2 4 34	
Mending a metta for the peons near the Patcharee Point	0 9 54	
Garden—rattaning windows, white-washing the summer house, mending a water course &ca.	8 23 29	
Trepopilore guard—chunamming the parapet walls and foot banks	26 32 44	
Bandipollam guard—raising foot banks, and chunamming the inside of the parapet walls, mending drawbridge &ca.	10 11 78	
Powder-house on the Island—raising walls ...	46 9 66	
Pallisade in Cuddalore along the river side, and making pedestals to the gate &ca. ...	42 24 50	
South west point—mending a wall there ...	0 24 40	
Braminy Gate—changing tiles and mending walls &ca. to the ensign's lodging ...	2 21 28	
Cleaning the curtains in Cuddalore ...	0 6 72	
6 padlocks bought for the godowns	1 19 0	
Making 6 wheel barrows for bringing materials to the buildings	6 24 32	
Three Conicoplys extra—		
	P. f. c.	
1 counting cooleys	1 0 0	
1 counting fanams and cash ...	1 0 0	
1 assisting in the accounts ...	1 0 0	
1 European overseeing the work ...	2 0 0	
	5 0 0	
		270 27 6
Fort fausse bray and ditch walls raising on the north side	337 2 54	
Cutting stones at the hill	16 20 26	
		353 23 0
	Pags.	829 14 74

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1741.

General letter from the Hon'ble President and Council of the 29th ultimo read, acquainting us that they are very much dissatisfied with our proceedings relating to the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina*, as also with the alteration we have made in the faussebray work, (which occasions an additional expence) without first asking their permission for the same. They therefore order us to have more regard to their directions for the future, and particularly those bearing date the 7th June 1740, the neglect of which has induced them to order our Consultations to be sent up monthly. They signify their approval of our having entertained Andiapa again in the Company's service, and inform us that they have called up Messrs. Eyre and Harris to a seat at their Board, and leave us to nominate a Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore to act till their further orders. They give us directions concerning Messrs. Wynch and Sloper's salaries and allowances, and order us to dispose of the effects of Mr. Stacey deceased at outcry. The rest of their letter relates particularly to the investment, in answer to ours of the 19th last month, and they conclude by telling us that they cannot allow of sending us Star pagodas for a future investment, nor can they allow of our purchasing Salem cloth at 41½ pagodas per corge.

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Mr. Eyre produces the Charity books ballance whereof being, in fanams at 36 per pagoda, Pags. 495-16-48 he now pays in; and there being a further sum of 215 Pags. due for interest from Sadashavarow, which he promises to pay in a few

days in fanams, Mr. Floyer is appointed to take charge of the same, and to take a bond payable on demand from Nella Tomby for 700 Pags. in the name of the Deputy Governour and Council at the rate of 12 per cent, per annum, the interest whereof to be paid monthly, and the remainder Mr. Floyer is to keep in his hands for the current expences of the Charity School.

The Hon'ble Company's brokers were then called in and discoursed further concerning the Salem investment, and told that the Hon'ble President and Council wou'd not allow of 41½ pagodas per corge, and they were therefore desired to let the Board know the lowest price they should be able to purchase it at. They replied, they had already acquainted us 41½ brokerage included, which was the nearest calculate they could possibly make, and that they had no reason since to subtract from it, but rather to add to it. They added also, that they hoped the Board would believe them true to their trust, which did not allow them to charge more for the cloth than it costs, and if we harboured any suspicions of this kind, they begged we would make all the enquiry possible for the vindication of their innocence; the result of which they were assured would establish them in our good opinion. The brokers being withdrawn, agreed to acquaint the Hon'ble President and Council, that they cannot possibly provide the Salem cloth under 41½ pagodas, brokerage included; and that we have received the 10,000 Star pagodas, as per advice from the Hon'ble President and Council under date the 28th ultimo.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1741.

The Board met this day to talk with the brokers farther concerning the Chemanaikpollam cloth, and they being called in, they were acquainted that the Hon'ble President and Council did not think it proper to advance them Star pagodas for a future investment, and that therefore they must exert their utmost diligence in getting in the present ballances upon the cheapest terms possible. They replied they had always endeavoured to do that as much as lay in their power, and would do the same now, as the Hon'ble President and Councils rejecting their proposal would make no alteration in their conduct. That we knew very well it was not a motion of their own parts they had rather continue to go on just as they had done for these three or four years past by brokerage, and they hoped we would excuse them if they said they never would carry on the investment after any other manner, as they had learned from the experience of others, that they should only expose themselves to losses by entering into any contracts of any kind whatever. The Board told them they had no occasion to enlarge, for that as their proposal was rejected, we only desired they would get the cloth, as cheap, as good, and as much of it as possible, which they again promised they would do to the utmost of their power and then withdrew.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1741.

General letter from the Hon'ble President and Council of the 12th instant directing us to enquire whether Porto Novo river will receive sloop *Carolina* and ordering us for the future never to send any bales up between the 20th September and 20th December without particular orders. They acknowledge the receipt of the 3,353 bad pagodas we sent them and testify again their dislike of the merchants proposals for Star pagodas, and expect further that they should not raise the price of their cloth till their whole ballance of the late current pagodas are out. They then proceed to consider the state of the coin, and next tell us they allow us to advance Star pagodas for Salem, but remark that at 41½ per corge the cloth is 3¾ per cent dearer than we advised them the 24th October last year and order us to

enquire into the value of the different sorts of money at Salem. We are ordered also not to make use of the Company's stationary ware in our private business, and Mr. Graham is appointed third and Mr. Holt, youngest of Council here. They conclude with directing us to send some persons to fathom the depth of Porto Novo river bar.

The brokers were then sent in for and acquainted with what the President and Council said in regard to their ballances of the late current pagodas, to which they replied that they thought it very just that they should pay them in the same sort of pagodas they received, but they could not allow them to be of more than 80 touch, because they objected against their being so much at the time they received them, and the order we published here the 19th May last confirmed what they said. They added, that with respect to not rising upon the price of the cloth till their ballances were out, they thought it extremely hard to insist upon, after they had used their utmost endeavours to clear the Company's cash of all the bad pagodas. By the same rule they said, if 100,000 pagodas had been advanced them one day to employ for the Company to the best advantage, and they had sunk their value the next day, they must have been obliged to pay the same back again in pagodas of more than 80 touch, or in cloth at the same rate they brought in before the coin sunk in it's value, notwithstanding they received pagodas of 70 and 75 touch. They begged we would state their case in private business; for continued they, if any correspondent should send to his factor a parcel of bad pagodas passing them much above their value, and before this factor should be able to provide all the goods demanded they should sink, could it be expected that he should purchase the remainder at the same rate. Many other things they mentioned in their defence, but we told them we should not decide upon their cause one way or the other, but only convey their arguments to the Governour and Council. They replied that they would not pretend to carry on the investment upon such terms; that they were only brokers, and as such obliged only to give us the cloth as cheap as it costs them, to get it upon the cheapest terms possible, and receive their commission for their trouble, which their losses often run away with; and if we could prove that they did not act up strictly to their trust, they would very willingly submit to any penalties whatever. The Board then acquainted them and Andiapa of the badness of the cloth they had brought in for the Allumpara money at 44 pieces per corge which they confessed was true, but added that if we would screw them to a price, they could only get the best for that price, but that if we would tell them to get good cloth of 9 cauls they would endeavour to get it as cheap as possible, which they believed might amount to 49 Allumpara pagodas per corge. We replied that the Governour and Council would think it very dear at 44 Pags. per corge, and that therefore they must wait for their directions. They then acquainted us that with respect to the Salem cloth it was very difficult to judge how it would turn out, while Nanjan Chitty reigned with so absolute a power there, which made it very difficult to manage him. One instance of which is in exchanging the Star pagodas, which he obliges them to exchange with him at $23\frac{1}{2}$ fanams per pagoda when the townsmen are allowed at the same time to exchange it in the buzzaar at 25 or 26 fanams. This they said was so publickly known that all the world knew it. The brokers said much more correspondent to what we learned from other hands upon this subject in proof of what they alledged, which it is agreed be made a part of a general letter to Madrass. The merchants then withdrew.

The Board then took into consideration the state of the investment, and compared the present prices of the cloth with what sent home these three or four years past, and after examining into everything that might affect our Hon'ble Masters interest this way, a general letter was ordered to be drawn out agreeably to the tenour of their discourse.

Mr. Floyer produces a bond signed by Nella Tomby for 700 pagodas lent him in fanams at 36 per pagoda and payable on demand to the Deputy Governour and Council for the time being, the same being money belonging to the Charity School which is agreeable to order of Consultation of the 2nd instant.

The Storekeeper reports four musquets and bayonets to be lost by deserters which are ordered to be wrote off.

There being a great want of hands Mr. Sloper is ordered translator of the country letters and to assist the Secretary as far as he can be spared from that other business.

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AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 [262] 1741.

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Tondaroy Pilla and Narrain Chitty offering to take the arrack farm for five years at 800 pagodas per annum, to be paid quarterly, agreed to accept of their proposal, and it is ordered that a cowle be drawn out accordingly.

They also propose to take the measuring duty upon the terms it was last let for, and no one offering better, agreed that a grant be drawn out for the same.

The same persons offer to take the beetle and tobacco farm for 5 years at 1,200 pagodas per annum which it is agreed to recommend to the Hon'ble President and Council that having brought in the Company a handsome revenue formerly, and was taken off only with a design to encourage weavers to settle in our bounds, but did not succeed, and the beetle and tobacco was beside as dear afterwards, as when it was farmed.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1741.

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The Paymaster, Tevenepatam Customer and Storekeeper report to the Board agreeably to order of last Consultation that the choultry at Tevenepatam is very dirty and filthy, and wants very much to be cleaned, beside which there wants a window to be struck out to the northward to make it cooler, it being at present very hot. As the whole will cost a very trifle ordered that the necessary repairs be made to the same.

Sadashavarow and Irzapa Chitty offering 300 pagodas per annum more for the beetle and tobacco farm than Tondaroy Pilla and Narrain Chitty did in last Consultation, agreed, as they are both very responsible and creditable men, to recommend their proposal to the Hon'ble President and Council.

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AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER arise on the following articles.

	P.	f.	c.
Particular persons—			
One monthly writer Mr. Robert Sloper from the 27th July to the 30th September at 10 Pags. per month ...	21	12	0
Hospital charges—			
Doctor's bill for medicines bought more than last month on account of no medicines received this year ...	7	6	0

Charges general—								P.	f.	c.	P. f. c.
Given to William Rogers and Henry Patty for baptizing their children								2	0	0	
1 buffaloe bought								3	2	54	
Sealing wax								1	0	0	
											6 2 54
Charges extra—											
Batta to peons sent to enquire after soldiers deserted ...								7	35	0	
Do to Chellumbrum peons and vakeel bringing a present to the Deputy Governour								2	7	0	
Prisoners' batta								2	18	0	
Pension to Austapa Chitty, Pags. ...					2	18	0				
Maulim Pags. 3—Coopiah Pags. 5								10	18	0	
											23 6 0
Fortifications and repairs—											
Mending cracks on the terrasses on the Fort								3	10	48	
Mr. Fowke's lodging, white washing it.								0	8	0	
Godowns behind the warehouse—chunamming the walls.								1	22	63	
Guard rooms on the north curtain – chunaming the walls without								1	24	26	
Do. on the north-east bastion— Do. ...								1	7	45	
Do. on the south-east bastion— Do. ...								0	32	67	
Do. on the south-west bastion—chunamming the walls without								1	1	53	
Taking away Hersilions from the parapet walls and mending those								1	6	77	
Godowns on the south side without—trimming palmeiras, nailing reapers, making hooks, hinges, &ca ...								25	19	35	
Making a shed for smiths to work under								1	15	56	
Tevnepatam washing tank—cleaning the corners of it ...								1	6	66	
Garden—rattanning windows to the house, paving a veranda of the soldiers' guard, making iron bars to the windows, mending doors and frames &ca								12	19	67	
Powder house on the island—laying flat and gutter tiles and making a compound of palmeiras and reapers &ca.								19	34	53	
3 Conicoplys extra											
1 counting cooleys Pag. 1, one assisting in the accounts					2	0	0				
1 counting fanams and cash paying the cooleys					1	0	0				
One European overseeing the work ...					2	0	0				
								5	0	0	76 31 16
Fort fausse bray and ditch walls—											
Raising and making parapet walls and foot banks, chunamming them &ca								283	22	0	
Cutting stones at the hills								30	21	0	
											314 7 0
											Pags ... 448 28 70

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1741.

General letters from the Hon'ble President and Council of the 2nd, 4th and 7th instant. The first is chiefly in answer to ours of the 26th past relating to our investment, the merchants' ballances, the dearness of beetle and tobacco here, and enquiring the reason of it; at the same time desining to know in what manner the good instructions they gave us to encourage weavers to settle in our bounds failed of the end proposed. They inclose also some regulations sent out by our Hon'ble masters for the military and part of their Consultations thereupon of the 1st of June for our perusal and direction as far as we can comply therewith. They direct us likewise to send up as soon as possible an account cost of the particulars of the presents sent to the Moratta Generals, which the Accomptant is ordered to draw out immediately and that it be inclosed in the next letter. That of the 4th served only to accompany 10,000 Star pagodas which turn out right and that of

the 6th gives us some directions about the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina* in case we should be able to get her over the bar which we will carefully follow.

The Board having taken the foregoing letters into consideration, and agreed upon an answer thereto, except as to what concerns the military, which, after having particularly weighed and debated, and after having considered the whole of what the Hon'ble President and Council have done upon this occasion with the greatest attention and deliberation, we cannot find any part where we can offer another opinion, as the military duty here is essentially the same as there. It is therefore ordered that that part of the Consultation at Fort St. George the 1st of June last, which the Hon'ble President and Council have transmitted to us be entered hereafter for our guidance, and that we conform to every step therein taken, esteeming the whole as the only answer we can make to the regulations our Hon'ble masters have ordered to be communicated to us. Then the elder Lieutenant was called in and delivered the necessary articles for his and the others direction and observance, and ordered to draw out by next Consultation a state of the duty performed in this garrison.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—
CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1741.

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Captain John D'Morgan pursuant to order of last Consultation delivers in a paper setting forth the duty of this garrison which is ordered to be entered hereafter for the Hon'ble President and Council's peruzal.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—
CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

[Letter.]

To THE WORSHIPFULL AUGUSTUS BURTON ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Pursuant to your orders I have here set down the manner of our discipline and daily duty as here practiced by the military officers, subaltern and soldiers in this garrison of Fort St. David, anno 1741.

As your worship &ca. are very well acquainted with the situation of this place and the many out-guards, the great distances they are from the fort, it cannot be expected they should be releived every day as in other garrisons where the guards are more contracted, which occasions that difference in their duty, which may appear to those that are unacquainted with the place, that the officers do not releive one another. And as there is no mounting or dismounting officer but what are upon constant duty, the usual ceremony upon the parade of delivering the reports or extraordinary orders which might have been given out by the Deputy Governour are not practiced here as in other places, because they are all quartered on their several guards as follow :—The Lieutenant and Ensign in the fort, the other Ensign at the Company's Garden guard, the soldiers also on the several guards, excepting that a number of them in proportion to the number of men quartered upon the guards are allowed their free guard in their turns.

The Cheif Officer in the Fort orders the troop[s] to beat every morning by six a clock to prepare the men to be ready by seven, to mount the guard, and at seven to beat to arms. The men are drawn up on the parade; the roll called over in presence of the Ensign to see that every body is under arms. The serjeants and corporals and soldiers that are to dismount are drawn up fronting the Main guard. The dismounting serjeants and corporals deliver what orders they might have

received from their Cheif Officer to the mounting serjeant and corporals that take charge of the Guard. The corporal that is to releive the centries calls out his men and in company with the dismounting corporal goes round to releive the centrys upon the several bastions and gates &c. The mounting corporal is to take care that the bastions and other places, where he post his centrys are kept clean, that no handspikes shot or leaden aprons are wanting; if any deficient to make his report to the Cheif Officer in order to call the dismounting corporal to an account that he may find out the centry in whose time it was imbezzled. He is also to see that the centry that is releived delivers his orders to the centry that releives him; while this is doing the Ensign and some times the Lieutenant looks over the mens' arms that they are kept clean and in good order, their flints good, their cartouch boxes also, and their number of cartridges compleat. When the corporals come back from releiving the centinels, if nothing extraordinary, they place themselves in their proper places, the free guard men are trooped in and ordered to post their arms and dismissed and the Main Guard in the Corps the [de] Guard where they place their arms.

The same rules are also observed at all the several out-guards by the Commanding officer or serjeant &ca. The roll is called every night by nine a clock in the Fort as it is also at the several out-guards. If any of the free guard men are absent the Cheif Officer is acquainted with it the next morning. The Fort gates are shut at half an hour after ten. At the out-guards the bridge is drawn, and the gate shut by nine a clock, and none suffered to go off the guard after the roll is called. The keys of the fort gate are carried up to the Deputy Governour if in the Fort, at other times to the Cheif Officer. At five a clock in the morning after the gun is fired and the reveille has done beating, the serjeant comes for the keys, and the Ensign sees the men stand to their arms, their arms rested while the gates are opened.

After the guards are releived the reports of all the out-guards belonging to the Fort are brought to the Cheif Officer by the serjeant or one of the corporals of the several out-guards, if any thing extraordinary, the Deputy Governour is acquainted with it.

The Cheif Officer waits on the Deputy Governour every day to make his report and receive his orders at the usual hours or oftner if necessary.

The Cheif Officer visits the out-guards every day or every other day if possible.

He also goes the rounds in the Fort after the gates are shut to see the gates are well locked and the centries do their duty. The Ensign in the Fort and the Serjeant also at the proper hours.

The Cheif Officer and Ensign visit the hospital now and then, but the orderly serjeant and corporal twice every day; one in the morning and the other in the evening, and make their report to the Cheif Officer.

If any disorder committed by the military or natives in the buzzaar or elsewhere the serjeant or corporal of the nearest guard (if a guard is called for) is to take a file of men and secures the person or persons that committed any disturbances carrys him or them to the fort where he is kept under arrest till the next morning, (if they are brought over night) when the Cheif Officer examines both parties if any thing of consequence, he continues him or them in arrest if a soldier; if a native he sends him or them to the Justices of which he acquaints the Deputy Governour as soon as possible; but if both parties are satisfied and no hurt done on either side they are discharged.

The Serjeant of Tevnepatam Gate guard and Patcharee Point goes the patrol every night, and if he meets with any disorderly person in the streets or any military man after nine a clock he is ordered to secure them upon his Guard till the next morning when he is to report the same to his Cheif Officer by whom they are examined if military; if natives they are carried to the choultry under the charge of the taliars, and the Justices acquainted therewith the next morning.

If any of the military dies or deserts the Deputy Governour is immediately acquainted with it.

The company is ordered up to the Fort once or twice a month to be exercised, (excepting when there are disturbances near us in the country, when no man is suffered to be absent at the out-guards) by the Ensign or some times by the Cheif Officer; they are also exercised every other day upon their several guards by the serjeant or corporal, but the recruits or those that do not handle their arms well are exercised every day and some times twice till they know their exercise.

Every commanding Commission Officer or subaltern at the out-guards has his orders in writing signed by his Cheif Officer: he is to suffer no armed men to enter the Hon'ble Company's bounds without the Deputy Governour's permission. If any great numbers of horse or foot appear he is to hoist his flag and fire two guns for a signal, but if a small body, only to hoist his flag and fire one gun which is answered from the northwest bastion at the Fort and of course he is to keep his men ready for defence if attacked.

I hope that the discipline and daily duty as practised by the officers of this garrison, subaltern and soldiers as here laid down will be agreeable to your Worship &ca., but if any thing should be thought deficient, I am ready to submit to such alterations as your Worship &ca. shall think fit to make for the good of the service.

I remain with the utmost respect, Worshipfull sir and sirs, your most obedient and most faithfull humble servant,

JOHN D'MORGAN.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1741.

General letter from the Hon'ble President and Council of the 19th instant read, being in reply to ours of the 9th and 3rd instant, and relating cheifly to our investment and our proposal to let the beetle and tobacco farm, which they consent to.

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AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

ACCOUNT OF THE EFFECTS OF MR. BORLACE STACEY, DECEASED, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY THE 8TH OCTOBER 1741-VIZT.

			P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Mr. Croke	...	1 large chest		2 28 0
Mr. Floyer	...	4 saltseller, crewits &ca.	0 23 0	
Do.	...	19 plates	1 1 0	
				1 24 0
Mr. Fowke	...	1 chair	0 8 0	
Do.	...	1 large table	1 24 0	
				1 32 0
Mr. Baker	...	1 tub	0 3 0	
Do.	...	1 candle glass	1 9 0	
Do.	...	14 bottles of wine	1 27 0	
				3 3 0
Mr. Cooke Junior	...	5 bottles of snuff	1 0 0	
Do.	...	1 Do.	0 16 0	
Do.	...	13 candles and a pair of candle sticks.	0 29 0	
Do.	...	3 decanters	0 25 0	
Do.	...	8 dishes and a large Do.	0 22 0	
Do.	...	1 bowl and do.	0 13 0	
Do.	...	12 pictures	4 13 0	
Do.	...	1 lanthorn	3 35 0	
				12 14 0
Captain Morgan	...	12 chairs	.....	9 18 0

			P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Putte Mootoo	...	2 large glasses and wine and water do.	0 35 0	
Do.	...	17 wine Do.	0 24 0	
Do.	...	10 Knives and Forks	0 27 0	
Do.	...	1 small tea table	0 25 0	
				3 3 0
Goorvarauze	...	1 standing cot	1 26 0	
Do.	...	4 glass pictures	1 20 0	
				3 10 0
Rajah Moodly	...	8 pictures		0 16 0
Benjamin Barlow Junior, China ware &ca.			... ...	0 14 0
Samuel Harris, a few empty bottles			... ...	0 3 0
			Pags.	38 21 0

The Effects of Borlace Stacey deceased.

Dr.

		Pags.	fns.	c.
Novem. 1	To cash paid the cryer ...	0	18	0
	To commission 5% on Pags 62-8-71	3	4	3
		3	22	3
	To ballance	58	22	68
	Pags.	62	8	71

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		Pags.	fns.	
Nov. 1	By cash received the amount of the outcry	38	21	0
	By cash received his diet and allowances due to him at his decease	18	26	0
	By do. for his salary	4	33	71
	Pags.	62	8	71

Errors excepted,

Fort St. David,
22d November, 1741.

per Charles Floyer, Paymaster,
Joseph Fowke, Secretary.

List of demands, Delivered in consultation to the Worshipfull Augustus Burton Esqr. &ca. Council on the estate of Borlace Stacey deceased—Vizt.

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
By Mr. Charles Floyer, for Thomas Eyre Esqr. (for a clasp cot as per note sold the deceased	2 18 0	
Do. for 2 dozen Madeira wine ...	4 0 0	
		6 18 0
By Mr. Charles Floyer—Vizt.—		
A promissory note payable on demand, dated 1st August last under the deceased's hand for ...	20 0 0	
For 12 pictures sold him as per note	4 0 0	
For sundries bought at the deceased's: Zachariah Foxall's outcry as per note	1 4 0	
		25 4 0
By Mr. Philip Baker—Vizt. as per note—		
For Madeira wine 1½ gallon at 18 fans. per gallon.	0 27 0	
For 2 decanters	0 20 0	
For 2 large and 2 small glass tumblers	0 18 0	
For 6 wine glasses	0 9 0	
		2 2 0
	Pags.	33 24 0

Fort St. David,
30th November, 1741.

The particulars of the extra expence in the Paymaster's account for the month of October

Arise on the following articles Vizt.—

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Hospital Charges—		
Doctor's bill for medicines bought more than last month		2 8 0
Charges Extraordinary—		
Given to a vakeel from Tritchanopoly	1 10 0	
Batta to peons going to meet money from Madrass and bringing it in	3 4 54	

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Given to the peons for sword feast as usual.	6	0	0						
Paid the Steward's note for 12 sheep given to the Governour's servants as usual.	3	0	0						
				9	0	0			
Paid Michael Torry for dieting a French deserter from Pondicherry 4 days at fns. 60 per month ...				0	8	0			
Prisoners' batta fans. 92-40				2	20	40			
1 monthly writer, Mr. Robert Sloper				10	0	0			
Pension to Austapah Chitty Pags. 2-18-0 Maulim Pags. 3, Coopia, 5				10	18	0			
							36	25	14
FORTIFICATIONS AND REPAIRS—									
Fort house, rattaning windows				0	7	0			
Mending cracks on the terrasses in the fort ...				2	16	69			
Mr. Allen's lodging—whitewashing and mending the pavement and windows				1	22	66			
Mr. Floyer's lodging—changing tiles to a small veranda.				0	8	8			
Mr. Fowke's lodging; rubbing mergoza oil to the timbers.				0	15	60			
Cleaning a lodging in the square, and mending windows, &ca.				1	30	40			
Godowns behind the warehouse, changing tiles and fitting doors and window shutters, &ca. ...				2	8	24			
Captain's lodging—changing tiles to the cookroom.				0	12	0			
Raising a cross wall, behind the soldiers' barracks and making a door frame to it				5	25	35			
Mending the pavement, opening the water courses, cleaning and levelling the ground in the Fort ...				5	20	0			
Taking away nails for the Hersillon boards ...				0	32	0			
Making a new parra for measuring the chunam ...				1	8	53			
Stock locks 2 for the north and south guard rooms on the curtain				0	11	20			
Godowns on the south side without—laying flat and gutter tiles, making bolts and hooks, fitting doors and windows, &ca.				29	3	1			
Peons choultry near the river side—white washing it.				0	10	26			
Bridge near the Fort—mending walls rails, &ca. ...				8	14	0			
Tevenepatam choultry—changing tiles mending walls and pavement, making a new window and repairing the prisoners godowns, &ca. ...				16	8	35			
Mud Point at the Sand Hills—mending the pavement and water courses over it				2	17	42			
Patchary Point and guard room, changing tiles and mending walls, windows, &ca.				5	9	32			
Mud Point, near Mr. Munro's garden, mending the pavement, &ca.				1	7	48			
Tevenepatam gate, chunamming the pavement of the point and mending the roof and walls of the old guard room, &ca.				10	25	20			
Hospital—mending cracks on the terrass and mending fogans, &ca.				3	20	0			
Garden—rattaning windows to the house, mending windows to the guard room and godowns, changing tiles, &ca.				15	12	64			
Chemundulum guard—making racks for soldiers arms, mending windows and chunam plaster, &ca.				7	15	47			
Bandipollam guard—building a necessary house, &ca.				10	27	15			
Factory in Cuddalore, rattaning windows, white-washing, cleaning and pointing the pavement, changing tiles, mending doors, windows, &ca. to the godowns and cookrooms				10	6	5			
Cuddalore Choultry—changing tiles white-washing, cleaning and mending the pavement windows, &ca.				6	14	56			
Braminy gate—white-washing the Ensign's lodging changing tiles, and mending the pavement of the Guard room, making a small veranda, and new door hinges, &ca., to a godown				16	1	35			

Porto Novo gate guard room—changing tiles and mending chunam plaster, &ca.				P. 6	f. 4	c. 23	
Mending chunam plaster round the Cuddalore curtain walls and cleaning the points, &ca.				15	4	0	
Repairing and changing tiles to 14 peons mettahs.				5	17	20	
Gunnys, for all the guards				21	8	26	
3 Extra conicoplys	Pags.	3	0	0			
1 European overseeing the work		2	0	0			
				5	0	0	
							219 13 70
Fort fausse bray and ditch walls—							
Raising parapet walls and foot banks, chunamming them, &ca., under the north west bastion ...				170	35	67	
6 Long thick plank for the provisional draw bridge to the north side of the Fort				19	18	0	
Digging and laying foundations, raising walls &ca., under the south-east bastion				93	12	48	
Cutting stones at the hills				23	15	4	
							307 9 89
Charges diet—1 writer, Mr. Alexander Wynch ...							8 0 0
						Pags.	573 20 43

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, [SATURDAY], DECEMBER 12, 1741.

Two letters from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 7th instant read advising of a supply of 4,870 Allumpara pagodas which are arrived and turn out right; the same being in part of 15,000 which we wrote for, but as there is a rumour at present that the Nabob has or designs to cry the Allumpara down; agreed to write for 20,000 Star in the room of them, and for leave to employ them in our investment, which our brokers are willing to take at 20 per cent premium, reckoning upon the medium price of the cloth purchased with the Allumpara money.

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AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, [SATURDAY,] DECEMBER 19, 1741.

Two general letters of the 15th instant from the President and Council, and one from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 14th read, the last of which advices of a supply of 10,000 Star pagodas which the former accompany, the President and Council acquaint us they have sent us these star pagodas in the room of the Allumpara we wrote for, there being a prevailing report that the latter will be shortly cried down. They therefore give us liberty to make use of the former.

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The Deputy Governour acquainting the Board that he has prevailed upon several Porto Novo merchants to be constant inhabitants of this place, and there being a great deal of waste ground in Cuddalore and other places, they desire leave to build upon the same, for which they are willing to pay a reasonable consideration, which the Board having considered, with our Hon'ble masters repeated instructions to us to increase the number of our inhabitants, readily consented to their request, hoping the Company will reap some advantage thereby, and have therefore ordered Messrs. Croke and Graham to survey all the waste grounds, and to examine into such as have no titles, which they are directed to dispose of at a reasonable consideration to such of the Porto Novo merchants or others as are willing to reside here. A paper is also ordered to be affixed to the publick places setting forth the indulgence we are willing to allow for an encouragement to bring in more inhabitants.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

CONSULTATION, FORT ST. DAVID, [THURSDAY], DECEMBER 31, 1741.

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Messrs. Croke and Graham deliver in a report setting forth that they have surveyed several pieces of waste grounds in Cuddalore, and have disposed of several of them to many substantial merchants who promise to reside here. They also give an account how they intend to proceed. The said report which is agreeable to order of last Consultation is entered hereafter.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRA EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Arise on the following articles.—	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Persons occasionally entered in the 1st company ...				10	4	0
Hospital charges—cloaths for the sick men ...				70	2	60
Charges Extra.—						
Batty to peons going to meet money from Madrass	2	9	2			
Do. bringing it in	7	20	0			
Do. bringing deserters from Pondicherry ...	0	16	54			
Given for bonfire as usual the 5th	5	0	0			
Prisoners batta fns. 75	2	3	0			
1 monthly writer, Mr. Robert Sloper	10	0	0			
Pension to Austapah Chitty Pags. 2-18-0, Maulim, Pags. 3, Coopiah [5]	10	18	0			
Paid the Steward for silver to make up the deficiency in the account plate	5	5	40			
Paid Rajahmoodely for several coconut and other trees cut down in his garden in the late troubles as per order of Consultation 30th November ...	10	0	0			
				53	0	16
Fortifications and repairs.—						
Fort house—mending window frames, rattanning them &ca.	4	3	40			
Making four stands for keeping light in the Fort.	7	1	72			
Mr. Allen's lodging—mending a lock and nailing it to the door	0	4	26			
Making stands and frames for measuring cloth to the warehouse &ca.	3	24	39			
Soldiers barracks—mending the pavement and chunam plaster, and making palmeira bars to the windows	5	8	50			
Captain's lodging—mending a water course, and chunamming the out side of the cookroom ...	3	30	21			
Gunners godowns repairing them and sheathing a door	5	7	72			
Storekeepers godowns, near the west curtain, changing tiles &ca.	2	8	32			
Cleaning and levelling the ground in the Fort ...	1	27	54			
Godowns on the southside without—chunamming the out walls, nailing locks &ca. to the doors ...	17	5	19			
Tevnepatam choultry—sheathing doors to the godowns and making locks, hooks, &ca. ...	5	2	66			
Tevnepatam gate—building a cookroom for the soldiers	15	12	57			
Tevnepatam washing choultry—mending the hedge round it	5	23	38			
Garden—mending and rattaning windows to the house and making keys and locks to the godowns &ca.	11	29	34			
Chemundulum guard, mending the slips &c. ...	0	17	64			
Powder house on the Island—mending the palmeira compound.	1	21	48			
Factory in Cuddalore—rattaning windows, nailing locks to the doors, paving the cookroom &ca.	10	30	70			

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Braminy gate guard room, mending chunam plaister and making a new window in the Ensign's lodging hinges hooks to the door &ca. ...	6 12 65	
Making four straw mettahs for the peons. ...	5 11 24	
3 Extra conicoplys. Pags. 3 0 0		
An European overseeing the work. Pags. 2 0 0	5 0 0	
		117 33 11
Fort fausse bray and ditch walls.— Sinking wells, raising wells &ca. under the South east bastion		176 22 75
		Pags. 427 27 2

Fort St. David,
December 31, 1741.

[Letter].

To the Worshipfull Augustus Burton Esq.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Agreeable to an order in Consultation of the 19th we have examined and surveyed most of the waste grounds, and shall now proceed to the other towns, and villages, within our bounds. We have already granted and marked out spots of ground to several of the inhabitants from Porto Novo, the major part of whom are sea-faring merchants who do promise that as they have a general correspondence to several parts of India that they will negociate from hence and bring their shipping and consigns to this port as they formerly did to Porto Novo; further several tradesmen, as weavers, dyers, and painters that they have been formerly concerned with, they will procure to settle here, since the Deputy Governour &ca. has promised them they shall meet with encouragement, and live unmolested. Now as we have begun, so we continue to appoint to the many more substantial merchants and others as daily come here such peices of ground as are both suitable to their request, and profession, and as there are several peices of ground whose former buildings are demolished by reason of either their owners' decease, or being reduced, now turned into gardens, we have inspected into them, and allowed those who have a legal title, as much as is necessary for them and the rest with the owner's consent we reserve in order to dispose of to those who are not yet supplied, and for others who design to come to inhabit here, and as for those vacant grounds whose possessors have no bills of sale, which consequently belong to the Company, we shall put a value upon agreeable to direction.

We are, with much respect, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

Edward Croke—John Graham.

Fort St. David,
December 31, 1741.

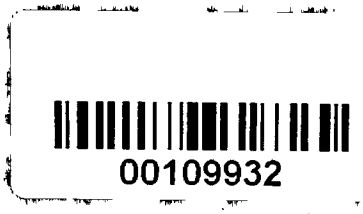
List of the Honourable Company's Covenanted Servants at Fort St. David, 1741.

1. Names.	2. Arrival.	3. Stations at arrival.	4. Salary at arrival.
The Worshipfull Augustus Burton Esqr.	17 September 1709	Writer...	5 per annum.
Edward Croke	18 January 1709	Writer...	5 do.
John Graham	25 June 1718	Writer...	5 do.
Robert Allen	27 June 1730	Writer...	5 do.
Charles Floyer	23 May 1730	Writer...	5 do.
William Holt	18 August 1740	Factor... ...	15 do.
Joseph Fowke	14 July 1736	Writer entertained ...	5 do.
Alexander Wynch	15 August 1740	Writer entertained ...	5 do.
Thomas Cooke, Junior	15 August 1740	Writer entertained ...	5 do.

5. Arrival here.	6. Present station.	7. Present employment.	8. Present Salary.
22 August 1741	3d. Councillor of Fort St. George.	Deputy Governour	100 per Annum,
19 August 1727	2 Councillor here ...	Warehousekeeper and Accomptant.	50 do.
16 October 1741	3d. Councillor here ...	Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore.	40 do.
26 November 1735 ..	4 Councillor here ...	Tevnepatam, Customer	40 do.
27 July 1734	5 Councillor here ...	Paymaster	40 do.
16 October 1741	6 Councillor here ...	Storekeeper	15 do.
26 October 1740	Factor	Secretary	15 do.
22 August 1741	Writer	Under the Paymaster	5 do.
Here when entertained ...	Writer	Under the Warehousekeeper ...	5 do.

Fort St. David.
December 31, 1741.

Joseph Fowke,
Secretary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